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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 7/2/07.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 6-16 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 1-5 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 6-16 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 6-16 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection. Additionally applicant has filed RCE on 7/2/07.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

The following is a quotation of the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall contain a written description of the invention, and of the manner and process of making and using it, in such full, clear, concise, and exact terms as to enable any person skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and use the same and shall set forth the best mode contemplated by the inventor of carrying out his invention.

Claims 6-16 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the enablement requirement. The claim(s) contains subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to enable one skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and/or use the invention. Based upon arguments presented by applicant's representative it appears the disclosed feature of the invention are not commonly well-known and applicant is using non-conventional systems, therefore it would appear that present specification lacks sufficient detail to allow one of skill in the art to implement the present invention without undue experimentation.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

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A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

Claims 6, 7, 11 and 13 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Schemers et al. (US Patent 6,751,453).

For claim 6, Schemers teaches, a method for enabling a portable electronic device to communicate with an enterprise terminal comprising:

receiving a call in an email server of the enterprise from the portable electronic device;
(Schemers, Col. 5 line 63 to Col. 6 line 23. telephone server)

determining if the portable electronic device is registered in the email server of the enterprise; (Schemers, Col. 5 line 6 to Col. 6 line 30, telephone number)

obtaining a pre-assigned message identifier from the portable electronic device, the message identifier assigned to an e-mail message received by the electronic device the identifier corresponding to an author of the received email; (Schemers, paragraph 3 reply by voice, Col. 6 lines 30-50)

authenticating the message identifier at the email server of the enterprise; (Schemers, Col. 3 lines 57-67, user id password)

requesting a recording of a voice message from the user of the portable electronic device as a reply to the email message; (Schemers, Col. 6 lines 50-61, email)

recording the voice message at the email server; (Schemers, Col. 6 lines 50-61, voice object)

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and transmitting the voice message to the enterprise terminal. (Schemers, Col. 6 lines 50-61, email)

For claim 7, Schemers teaches, the method for enabling a portable electronic device to communicate with an enterprise terminal according to claim 6, further comprising:

converting the recorded voice message into a format adapted for attachment to an electronic message. (Schemers, Col. 7 lines 1-15, wav)

For claim 11, Schemers teaches, the method for enabling a portable electronic device to communicate with a terminal according to claim 6, further identifying a user of the portable electronic device by using a Caller ID service. (Schemers, Col. 5 line 63 to Col. 6 line 22, telephone number)

For claim 13, Schemers teaches, the method for enabling a portable electronic device to communicate with an enterprise terminal according to claim 6, wherein pre-assigned message identifier allows transmission of the voice message to the enterprise terminal. (Schemers,), paragraph 3 reply by voice, Col. 6 lines 30-50)

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person

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having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claim 8 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Schemers et al.

(US Patent 6,751,453) in view of Von Meister et al. (U.S. Patent 5,199,062).

Schemers fails to clearly disclose, playing an error message an terminating communication with the e-mail server if the device is not registered in the email server.

Von Meister teaches, the method for enabling a portable electronic device to communicate with an enterprise terminal according to claim 6, further comprising:

playing an error message an terminating communication with the e-mail server if the device is not registered in the email server. (Von Meister, Col. 11 lines 50-67)

Von Meister and Schemers are both in the filed of hand set voice mail systems

Von Meister et al. and Schemers are compatible to add the method of an error message

It would have been obvious to on of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention was made to combine Von Meister method of playing an error message and Schemers because ansyering service and message machine do not always work well. (Von Meister, Col. 1 lines 50-55)

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

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The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claim 9 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Schemers et al. (US Patent 6,751,453) in view of Ertz et al. (U.S. Patent 5,003,577).

For claim 9, Schemers fails to clearly disclose:

determining if the recorded message is acceptable;

and recording the message again if the previously recorded message is not acceptable.

Ertz teaches, the method for enabling a portable electronic device to communicate with an enterprise terminal by voice according to claim 6, further comprising:

determining if the recorded message is acceptable; (Ertz, Col. 17 lines 17-65, delete, record new)

and recording the message again if the previously recorded message is not acceptable.

(Ertz, Col. 17 lines 17-65, delete, record, new)

both Ertz and Schemers are in the field of voice mail systems

the system of Ertz and Schemers are compatible to add Ertz system of allowing the record to record the voice mail message

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention was made to add the system of recording a voice message of Ertz to that of Schemers, because it allows for the use of a myriad of user interfaces. (Ertz, Col. 2 lines 4-9, interface)

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 10, 14 and 16 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Schemers in view of Google groups April, 18-19, 1999.

For claim 10, Schemers teaches, a method for enabling a portable electronic device to communicate with an enterprise terminal, comprising the step of:

receiving a call in an email server of the enterprise from the portable electronic device;

(Schemers, Col. 5 line 63 to Col. 6 line 23, telephone server)

determining if the portable electronic device is registered in the email server; (Schemers, Col. 5 line 6 to Col. 6 line 30, telephone number)

obtaining a pre-assigned message identifier from the user portable electronic device, the message identifier assigned to an email message received by the portable electronic device the

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identifier corresponding to an author of the received email; (Schemers, paragraph 3 reply by voice, Col. 6 lines 30-50)

authenticating the message identifier at the email server of the enterprises; (Schemers, paragraph 3 reply by voice, Col. 6 lines 30-50)

requesting a recording of a voice message from the user of the portable electronic device as a reply to the email message; (Schemers, paragraph 3 reply by voice, Col. 6 lines 30-50)

recording the voice message; (Schemers, Col. 6 lines 50-61, voice object)

and transmitting the converted voice message to the user of the office terminal.
(Schemers, Col. 6 lines 50-61, email)

Schemers fails to clearly disclose, converting the recorded voice message into MP-3 format;

Google Groups teaches, converting the recorded voice message into MP-3 format; (Goggle groups page 1)

Schemers and Google groups are both in the field of audio recording

Schemers and Google groups is compatible, since Google groups converts Schemers's *.WAV file into MP3

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention was made to convert Schemers's WAV file into Google groups MP3 because to make the audio more compact.

For claim 14, Schemers-GG teaches, the method for enabling a portable electronic device to communicate with an enterprise terminal by according to claim 10, further comprising identifying a user of the device by using a Caller ID service. (Schemers, Col. 5 line 6 to Col. 6 line 30, telephone number)

For claim 16, Schemers-GG teaches, the method for enabling a portable electronic device to communicate with an enterprise terminal according to claim 10, wherein the pre-assigned message identifier allows transmission of the voice message to the terminal. (Schemers, paragraph 3 reply by voice, Col. 6 lines 30-50)

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claim 12 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Schemers in view of Saylor et al. (U.S. Patent 6,501,832).

For claim 12, Schemers teaches, authenticating the PIN to determine whether the PIN is valid.

(Schemers, Col. 3 lines 56-67, password)

Schemers fails to clearly disclose, prompting, if a Caller ID service is not operating, a user of the portable electronic device to enter a personal identification number ("PIN");

(Schemers,)

For claim 12, Schemers teaches, the method for enabling a portable electronic device to communicate with an enterprise according to claim 6, further comprising;

prompting, if a Caller ID service is not operating, a user of the portable electronic device to enter a personal identification number ("PIN"); (Saylor, Col. 7 line 55 to Col. 8 line 14, caller ID, codes, password)

and authenticating the PIN to determine whether the PIN is valid. (Saylor, Col. 7 line 55 to Col. 8 line 14, caller ID, codes, password)

Saylor and Schemers are both in the field of voice server systems

Saylor and Schemers are compatible, since Schemers check for user identity using Caller ID

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It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention was made to add Saylor method of authenticating a PIN when caller ID is not available to Schemers, because it allows for a more secure system. (Saylor, Col. 7 line 55 to Col. 8 line 14)

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claim 15 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Schemers in view of Schemers in view of Google groups April, 18-19, 1999 in further view of Saylor et al. (U.S. Patent 6,501,832).

For claim 15, Schemers-GG teaches, authenticating the PIN to determine whether the PIN is valid. (Schemers, Col. 3 lines 56-67, password)

Schemers-GG fails to teach, further comprising' prompting, if a Caller ID service is not operating, a user of the portable electronic device to enter a PIN;

For claim 15, Saylor teaches, the method for enabling a portable electronic device to communicate with an enterprise terminal according to claim 10, further comprising' prompting,

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if a Caller ID service is not operating, a user of the portable electronic device to enter a PIN;
(Saylor, Col. 7 line 55 to Col. 8 line 14, caller ID, codes, password)

and authenticating the PIN to determine whether the PIN is valid. (Saylor, Col. 7 line 55
to Col. 8 line 14, caller ID, codes, password)

Saylor and Schemers are both in the field of voice server systems

Saylor and Schemers are compatible, since Schemers check for user identity using Caller ID

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention
was made to add Saylor method of authenticating a PIN when caller ID is not available to
Schemers, because it allows for a more secure system. (Saylor, Col. 7 line 55 to Col. 8 line 14)

Conclusion

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's
disclosure. See attached Notice of references cited (if appropriate).

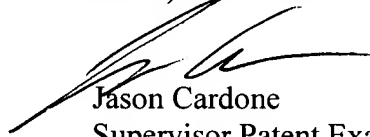
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